

Town of Drumheller COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2011 at 4:30 PM
Council Chamber, Town Hall
703-2nd Ave. West, Drumheller, Alberta



PRESENT:

MAYOR:

Terry Yemen

COUNCIL:

Andrew Berdahl

Jay Garbutt

Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk

Sharel Shoff

Tom Zariski

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/ENGINEER:

Ray Romanetz

ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES:

Bill Wulff

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Linda Handy

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR Doug Stanford
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES: Paul Salvatore

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1 Councillor Tom Zariski was sworn in as Deputy Mayor for the months of September and October, 2011.

2.0 MAYOR'S OPENING REMARK

- 2.1 Mayor Terry Yemen proclaimed September, 2011 as Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month
- 2.2 **MO2011.235** Garbutt, Shoff moved that Council authorize the Mayor and CAO to attend the Leadership at the Apex Program from December 6 to 7, 2011 at The Banff Centre. Carried unanimously.
- 2.3 Mayor Yemen asked Council to confirm their attendance at AUMA Convention (September 28-30, 2011 in Calgary) prior to August 23, 2011.

3.0 PUBLIC HEARING

4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MO2011.236 Shoff, Zariski moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.0 MINUTES

5.1. ADOPTION OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

5.1.1 Council Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2011

MO2011.237 Zariski, Shoff moved that the regular Council meeting minutes of July 18, 2011 be adopted as presented. Carried unanimously.

5.2. MINUTES OF MEETING PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION

5.2.1 Municipal Planning Commission Minutes of July 7, 2011

5.3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.0 DELEGATIONS

7.0 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RECOMMENDATIONS

8.0 REQUEST FOR DECISION REPORTS

8.1. CAO

8.1.1 RFD - BCF New Appointments

R. Romanetz advised that as a result of two vacancies on the Badlands Community Facility Steering Committee with the resignation of Tom Dooley and Corinne Gerling, two applications were received from Shari Fournier and Bill Herman. The BCF Steering Committee has reviewed the applications and has recommended approval for both applicants.

MO2011.238 Berdahl, Garbutt that Council approve the appointments of Shari Fournier and Bill Herman to the BCF Steering Committee. Carried unanimously.

8.1.2 Information - Drumheller & District Waste Solid Management
Association - Landfill Project Completion

R. Romanetz provided a report on the completion of the DDSWMA upgrades which included the construction of seven new landfill cells within stage II complete with a one metre thick clay liner, leachate collection system, and run-on and run-off storm water control systems. In addition, pre-grading and run-on and run-off storm water control systems were constructed for stage III, the future expansion area of the Regional Landfill. The new 5,000 sq. ft. recycling facility, water and sewer line, outbound scale and expansion to the scalehouse were completed in 2010. Total grant funds awarded through CAMRIF were \$5.2M, combined with the Associations cost sharing portion, the

total available funds for the project were \$7.8M. The total project cost was \$7,835,539. He further stated that all final environmental reports and claims have been submitted and accepted by the CAMRIF Secretariat. Councillor S. Shoff extended accolades to T. Nygaard and the Association for their hard work.

8.2. Director of Infrastructure Services

8.2.1 RFD - Pioneer Trail Centre Water Meter

A. Kendrick advised that Pioneer Trail Centre has requested that the Town reduce the size of the existing 1 ½" water meter in their building to a ¾" meter. The discussion at the Council Committee Meeting held on July 25th, suggested that the building was owned by the Town of Drumheller. The Pioneer Trail Centre has been the owner of this building since November 9, 1977. A. Kendrick referred to the Drumheller Utility Bylaw 12.08 clauses 3(c) and (e) which reads as follows: *(c) A property shall be considered serviced once it has been connected to the water and / or sanitary sewerage system. Any further installations necessitated by demolition, excavation, renovations or other works on the lands shall be paid for in their entirety by the owner. (e) Any extra expense occasioned by the installation of any additional, larger service or replacement than the standard specified shall be borne by the applicant.* He further explained that Council passed a new utility rate bylaw in 2011 which created group rates based on meter size. Based on the current bylaw, the Town policy requires that any change of meter size and installation cost be paid for by the owner.

MO2011.239 Shoff, Lisa that Council deny the request from the Pioneer Trail Centre to have the Town of Drumheller pay for a smaller meter including installation costs.

Discussion on Motion:

Councillor T. Zariski stated Pioneer Trail Centre is a nonprofit organization that provides good service for the seniors – it is not a business. He stated that the Town does not contribute any dollars towards their operations. R. Romanetz disagreed stating that when the building was purchased by the Pioneer Trail Centre in 1977, the Town provided \$75,000 through the Neighborhood Improvement Program for the purchase of the building and the Town has paved the access from the back alley to their building. He stated that Administration recommends that the policy be interpreted consistently. He stated that Council would have the option to provide a grant for their operations rather than agreeing to the replacement of a smaller size through the utility meter. He further stated that Council needs to treat everyone equally as the Town receives a number of these types of requests. He further explained that the TWAC system provided through ATCO is obsolete and the Town through a new contractor is installing a new meter reading system. However, this work will take several years for the entire Town to be hooked to the new system. He stated that some buildings will require meters to be changed out. Councillor J. Garbutt asked if there is any proof that a new meter is required. A. Kendrick stated that there is reduced activity in the building since it was formally operated as a grocery store however the request for a change should have come when they moved into the building. He explained that meters are installed to meet the customers' demands. Councillor J. Garbutt stated that the precedent was set when Council agreed to go with another utility rate category, which purpose was to have a balanced utility account. In response to a question from Council, R. Romanetz

advised that Greenview Villa's situation was about the fire protection flow requirements and if the meter was changed, adequate fire protection would not be available to the residents in that area. He stated that they only needed a 4" meter for domestic use and the design of the trailer park was an anomaly and not designed in accordance with conventional servicing. Councillor L. Hansen-Zacharuk stated that within 6-7 months, the centre would recover their costs and would start to see reduced savings of \$89.00 per month based on the reduced meter size.

Vote on Motion:

In Favor: Yemen, Garbutt, Shoff, Hansen-Zacharuk

Opposed: Zariski, Berdahl

Motion Carried.

8.2.2 RFD - BCF Parking Lot Construction

A. Kendrick advised that at the regular Council Meeting held on July 18th, 2011 Council awarded the 2011 Street Improvement Program to Rubydale Asphalt Works and authorized Administration to negotiate unit price extensions for the construction of the parking lot for the Badlands Community Facility. He explained that Rubydale provided the same pricing for additional work to be completed on the BCF parking lot. The estimated cost submitted by Rubydale based on quantities calculated by AECOM is \$872,402.00. He further stated that awarding this extension to Rubydale would result in significant savings to the Town when compared to the original one tender received in May, 2011 which was not felt to be competitive.

MO2011.240 Berdahl, Garbutt moved that Council moved to award the extension of the SIP contract to Rubydale Asphalt to include Schedule D for construction of the BCF parking lot in the amount of \$872,402 (excluding GST). Carried unanimously.

8.3. Director of Corporate Services

8.4. Director of Community Services

9.0 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY REPORTS BY ADMINISTRATION

10.0 PUBLIC HEARING DECISIONS

11.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

12.0 NOTICES OF MOTIONS

13.0 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

13.1 Councillor Sharel Shoff - Alberta Municipality Funding Initiative

Councillor S. Shoff asked Council to consider a Notice of Motion regarding potential increased in royalties realized from the Alberta Oil Sand in the next 6 years, and whether Alberta municipalities can access a percentage of these dollars for our infrastructure projects. Administration to research for more information. Council agreed to the Notice of Motion for September 12th Council Meeting.

13.2 Councillor Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk - Drumheller Public Library

Councillor Lisa Hansen-Zacharuk announced that Linde Turner is retiring from the Drumheller Public Library effective October 31st, 2011. Councillor J. Garbutt expressed his disappointment that Linde would not be in the new facility and wondered if there was some opportunity for reconsideration. Councillor Hansen-Zacharuk stated that Linde is firm with her retirement date and passed on Linde's words that she had the best job for 23 years and was very appreciative of Council's support over the years. Council commended Linde's dedication and efforts during her term as Librarian.

14.0 IN-CAMERA MATTERS MO2011.241 Berdahl, Hansen-Zacharuk to go in camera at 5:16 PM. Carried unanimously.

14.1 Land Matter - Offer to Purchase (Reg Gallagher)

14.2 Land Matter - Offer to Purchase (Lloyd Morgan)

MO2011.242 Shoff, Berdahl to revert to regular Council meeting at 5:55 PM. Carried unanimously.

MO2011.243 Shoff, Zariski moved that Council accept the Offer to Purchase from Lloyd Morgan for a 1.0 acre parcel of land being a portion of lands legally described as LSD 15 and portion of LSD 16 NE ¼ - 3-29-20-W4M which lies west of the west limit of railway on Plan RY 930 in the amount of \$6,000.00. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 PM.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer